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Chairman Deborah Taylor Tate  
Tennessee Regulatory Authority  
460 James Robertson Parkway  
Nashville, TN 37243

RE: Docket No. 03-00442; *United Telephone-Southeast, Inc.*  
*Tariff 2003-710 to Introduce Safe and Sound II Solution*

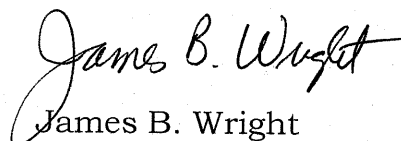
Dear Chairman Tate:

At the December 15, 2003 Director's Conference, a discussion on the above tariff resulted in a motion indicating the tariff was not subject to approval as filed. A motion carried to allow United Telephone-Southeast, Inc. ("Sprint") until December 29, 2003 to negotiate with the intervening parties with a view to amending the tariff.

Sprint has considered alternatives but has concluded that its position is appropriate as stated in its pleadings in this case. This is evidenced by the fact that the identical tariff has been approved in sixteen of the seventeen other states in which it has been filed by Sprint. Therefore, Sprint is hereby withdrawing the above tariff.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

  
James B. Wright

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